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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL: FAVORABLE MEDIA PLAY IS BEING GIVEN U.S. ECONOMIC-AID MISSION AT WORK IN LISBON THIS WEEK. FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES INCLUDED: JAN. 29 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" -- "EEC AND U.S. AID WILL BE USED IN COMPLEMENTARY SECTORS"; AND JAN. 28 "A CAPITAL" -- "180 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE EEC AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR AMERICAN LOAN." "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" ARTICLE SAID THAT "BESIDES THE 200 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH THE U.S. WILL MAKE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, AND WHICH WILL BE USED IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HOUSING, THE U.S. WILL ALSO PROVIDE NEW AID TO HELP THE RETURNEES FROM THE FORMER COLONIES."

2. ANGOLA: PRESS CONTINUED TO PLAY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTE AGAINST ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLAN FACTIONS AND PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT REGRETTING THAT ACTION. ROUNDUP PIECE IN JAN. 28 INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST "JORNAL NOVO" SAID THAT EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS "HAVE LED SOME OBSERVERS TO BELIEVE THAT U.S. POLICY ON ANGOLA IS ABOUT TO ENTER INTO A "RECYCLING" PHASE, PERHAPS WITH THE EMBRYO OF A FUTURE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND LUANDA."

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3. FOR CU/WE ON MARIO SOARES VISIT: CONTINUED GOOD MEDIA PLAY
EMPHASIZED SOARES' APPEARANCE AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB AND HIS
STATMENTS FAVORABLE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A MILITARY MAN
BEING A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN PORTUGAL.
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